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## 'THE DOGS OF WAR.'

WE wish to speak on the present occasion of a project which we cannot but think will be met with approval by the majority of our readers. We allude to the formation of a School Cadet Corps, which, as recorded in our last number, has just been sanctioned by the Governing Body.

It had long been felt a regrettable fact that Westminster alone, of the Three Royal Colleges, or rather of all the Public Schools of England, should not possess a Rifle Corps. It must not, however, be imagined for a moment that this was owing to a lack of patriotism. In this latter quality it can never be said the School has ever been deficient. It was rather due to the feeling of those in authority that such an institution was of no practical utility, and, if instituted, would have no proper opportunities

of attaining to any real excellence. We will deal with the utility of the Corps below, but we think that all will admit that these objections are no longer admissible. The first has been proved idle by the support extended by Government to all Volunteer bodies, and the second has, fortunately, been removed by the kindness of a distinguished Old Westminster, SIR HOWARD VINCENT, Colonel of the Queen's Westminsters, who has offered to allow the School the use of all the advantages for practice enjoyed by his own regiment.

Though these were the principal reasons for the authorities withholding their consent, there are, doubtless, not a few in the School who will regard the project with disapprobation. There is the cynic, who, having no patriotism himself, will jeer at what he terms the jingoism of his fellows. There is the athlete, who will fear that



drill and practice will interfere with the athletics of the School. There is the quiet man, who will dislike what he calls 'making a fool of himself,' and thinks he will look ridiculous 'marching about in a uniform.' Others we could name, but we think that all these objectors will be convinced once the Corps is in proper working order. Difficulties, of course, there must be at the start, but we are confident that when fully organised the Corps will prove of great practical use.

For the advantages of such an institution are many and combine advantages both to the State and School. To take the advantages of the State; in these days, when England may be threatened with invasion at any time, when every citizen may be called upon for the defence of his country, it is important that every able-bodied man should know how to use a rifle. Where can a man better learn to shoot than in his School Rifle Corps? For many it will be the only opportunity they will ever have of learning this necessary accomplishment. In the same way drill and discipline will be learnt, things of great moment in warfare. For those, on the other hand, who later contemplate joining a Volunteer regiment, some training at School will be exceedingly useful; and though many, no doubt, will scoff at Volunteers, the present war has shown their value in a most striking manner. We now pass to the advantages which the School is likely to obtain, which, though, perhaps, not so useful as those accruing to the State, are, nevertheless, of considerable practical benefit. At a School like Westminster, where exercise in the gymnasium is not compulsory, it is extremely desirable that there should be some better kind of physical training than that furnished by Form Drill and the punishment of Penal Drill. The discipline of a School Rifle Corps would certainly help largely to strengthen and set up the slack forms and loose limbs of some of the smaller members of the School, and how necessary this is will be recognised by anyone who goes into the yard during the afternoon and watches the progress of drill. Here, let it be said, no blame attaches to the Sergeant; but, surely, something more

might be done towards improving the physique and personal smartness of the lower forms. Perhaps we may even venture to expect that the Corps will play a part in the ceremonies of the approaching Coronation. Some there are, we know, who entertain this hope.

Having, as we think, adequately set forth the advantages of the Corps, we will proceed, if it be allowed, to put forward an appeal on its behalf. As yet we know nothing as to its constitution, save that the post of Captain will be undertaken by Mr. SHERWOOD, in whose competence we place implicit trust, and that the other officers will be appointed by him from those who take most kindly to it—it is rumoured that one of the School monitors is destined to fill an important position in it—but the best of captains and the best of officers will be of little avail if the project is not well supported. In a School so small as Westminster it will be necessary for almost everyone to join if the company is to attain to anything like an adequate size. Westminster cannot be called a military school in the strict sense of the term, but she has been the mother of many good soldiers. The column outside Dean's Yard will remind us of the glorious deeds of Westminsters in the Crimean war, while THE ELIZABETHAN has always done its best not to let the services of past members of the School in the present war escape unnoticed. We will conclude, then, by asking everyone to show his patriotism in the best way he can—that is, by joining the School Rifle Corps—and so justify the motto which the School used to bear:

*In patriam populumque.*

#### APOSTROPHES.—No. IV.

##### 'THE OLD LIBRARY.'

SUCH is your dignity, such my respect for you, that I hesitate to apostrophise you in my flippant style. But I do not wish by my flippancy to belittle your greatness. Aristophanes was flippant, yet his aims were serious enough. So also my aim is to hold up for ridicule and contempt the outrages on your dignity, and to encourage others to feel the same respect for you that I myself feel.



The small boy has for you a respect of a kind ; it is a respect born not of admiration, but of fear. Your name has to him a very different connotation from that which it has to those who are daily associated with you. He knows that a summons to your presence means that he is to be arraigned before a stern bench of judges, whose code is like the code of Dráco ; for any offence, be it grave or paltry, the punishment is the same—the heaviest that it is in their power to administer. And he knows that to escape conviction he will require all the astuteness of a practised lawyer. Hence he fears and respects you.

Then there are those who, thanks to ability, diligence, or luck, have been raised to the privilege of using you for their Form-room. There, hour after hour, term after term, some of them year after year, they labour—except when they are doing other things. There was one, whom I knew, who could not do without some refreshment in the middle of the afternoon ; finding that his Form-master did not sympathise with this craving, but even resented it rather strongly, he resolved that he would not hurt the good man's feelings by continuing to satisfy his hunger openly. This was kind of him, and his kindness made him so careful that he was never again seen to refresh himself in Form. It was a triumph when he succeeded in opening and drinking a bottle of ginger-beer unobserved. But nuts were his speciality ; he was long in the leg, and the sound of a cracking nut far away under the table was at least partially drowned by a simultaneous cough. Others, again, spend time in gazing enviously on social gatherings in College Gardens : lawn tennis and ices are, I admit, tempting on a summer's afternoon. These and other similar employments, we used to be told, are wrong. I now see that they are very rude to you. You and your traditions ask us to work and emulate the glory of your greatest hero. Shade of Busby, come back and help ! (Why was his bust taken away from the top of the book-case ? Put him back.)

There is one thing upon which I really cannot congratulate you : you are, or at any rate were, too dirty and untidy. And why does hardly anyone know anything about the contents of your shelves ? For all I know there may be wonderful treasures there hidden away amid the dust and dirt of generations. Have you even a catalogue ? You are regarded too much as the 'Seventh' Room and not enough as the Old Library. One broken pane of glass, to my certain knowledge, remained unattended for a year and a half. I wonder if it has been repaired now ! Your severe beauties deserve some care to enable them to appear to the best advantage. However, something, THE ELIZABETHAN tells us, has been done. Three large maps, which roll up with springs, have been hung upon your wall. I hope you like them. Still, Homer says, *μάψ, ἀτὰρ οὐ κατὰ κόσμον*. This was not quite the kind of attention which I meant when I suggested that you were not so well looked after as you might be.

It was very kind of you to allow the Debating Society to use you. I grieve to learn that its way of showing its gratitude is by disorderly behaviour. But I presume that this turbulent Society will be discussed fully in the correspondence column, after the letter which was published last month. If better accounts of it are not forthcoming, it shall be apostrophised, with scant consideration for its feelings, by  
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### School Notes.

ON Thursday, March 6, H. L. Henderson came down and asked for a 'play' for the School. This was given next day.

The match against the Eton XI. was played on Saturday, March 8, and, though we were defeated, provided a very exciting game. It was one of the most successful matches of the season, and gave general satisfaction. We should be glad to see something done to make this match more of a regular fixture. May we hope that in future it will be sometimes played at Eton, as we know to be the wish of many on both sides ?

Mr. Fox was out of School for a week at the beginning of March. His place was taken by Mr. R. E. More (O.W.).

The Ireland Greek Verse Prize was awarded to W. A. Greene ; *proxime accessit*, F. H. Nichols.

The Bishop of Stepney held a confirmation in Henry VII. Chapel on Saturday, March 15. About forty boys were confirmed.

A strange discovery was made in the Scott Library on Thursday, March 13. In one of the cupboards of the Coin Room the dead bodies of a cat and a rat were found in a dry but well-preserved condition.

On Monday, March 17, Dr. George Stoker came and gave a lecture up School on 'Civilian Ambulance in the War.' There were the usual limelight views.

We have received two letters from important members of the School relative to the affairs of the Debating Society and evoked by the President's letter in our last number. It is too late to do much now, but we think these letters, one of which we print below, show the serious nature of this difficulty, and we trust that next year some steps will be taken to improve the affairs of the Society. However, let us hope by then the trouble will have disappeared.



The Secretary of the Games Committee has placed on the wall between the Fives Courts a frame containing the rules to control the appropriation of the Courts.

In *The Public School Magazine* for March there appeared a very true criticism of our contemporary *The Mirror*. Let us hope the Editor will add 'the vim and sparkle' that was found wanting.

The following is the Football Card, filled in up to date:—

		1901.	
Sat.	Sept. 28	v. Clapham Rovers.	(Lost, 1-2.)
Wed.	Oct. 2	v. Old Carthusians.	(Lost, 0-8.)
Sat.	" 5	v. Casuials.	(Won, 5-4.)
"	" 12	v. H. B. Willett's XI.	(Won, 5-1.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	(Scratched.)
"	Oct. 19	v. Old Foresters.	(Lost, 1-10.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Westminsters 2nd XI.	(Won, 4-1.)
"	Oct. 26	v. Old Etonians.	(Lost, 0-10.)
Wed.	" 30	v. Brasenose Coll., Oxon.	(Won, 4-1.)
Sat.	Nov. 2	v. Emeriti.	(Scratched.)
"	" 9	v. New College.	(Lost, 1-5.)
"	2nd XI.	v. London Hospital 2nd XI.	
Wed.	Nov. 13	v. Emeriti.	(Draw, 0-0.)
Sat.	" 16	v. Christ Church.	(Lost, 1-2.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Foresters 2nd XI.	(Lost, 2-4.)
"	Nov. 23	v. Old Westminsters.	(Lost, 2-3.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	(Draw, 2-2.)
"	Nov. 30	v. Old Felstedians.	(Lost, 1-5.)
"	2nd XI.	v. St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI.	(Lost, 2-8.)
"	Dec. 7	v. Old Harrovians.	(Draw, 3-3.)
"	2nd XI.	v. St. Bartholomew's Hospital 2nd XI.	(Lost, 1-4.)
"	Dec. 14	v. West Kent F.C.	(Lost, 0-7.)
		1902.	
Sat.	Jan. 18	v. Clapham Rovers.	(Lost, 0-4.)
"	2nd XI.	v. St. Bartholomew's Hospital 2nd XI.	(Lost, 0-3.)
"	Jan. 25	v. Old Wykehamists.	(Won, 7-1.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	(Lost, 1-2.)
"	Feb. 1	v. University College, Oxon.	(Lost, 1-2.)
Wed.	" 5	v. Clare College, Camb.	(Lost, 3-2.)
Sat.	" 8	v. Pembroke College, Camb.	(Lost, 4-2.)
"	2nd XI.	v. London Hospital 2nd XI.	(Scratched.)
Wed.	Feb. 12	v. Old Etonians.	(Scratched.)
Sat.	" 15	v. Casuials.	(Scratched.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Foresters 2nd XI.	(Scratched.)
"	Feb. 22	v. Charterhouse ( <i>Vincent Square</i> ).	(Lost, 0-2.)
Wed.	" 26	v. Cambridge Old Westminsters.	(Lost, 2-9.)
Sat.	Mar. 1	v. Old Brightonians.	(Scratched.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Westminsters 2nd XI.	(Won, 3-1.)
"	Mar. 8	v. An Eton XI.	(Lost, 6-5.)
"	" 15	v. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	(Won, 6-4.)
Wed.	" 19	v. Old Westminsters.	(Lost, 1-9.)
Sat.	" 22	— T.B.B. v. K.SS.	(T.B.B. won, 1-0.)

The following is the Debating Society's Card, with results to date:—

*January 23.*—'That this House condemns the Birmingham riots as unworthy of a civilized nation.' Proposer, H. Logan; Seconder, G. T. Boag; Opposer, E. A. Bell. (Carried, 9-5.)

*January 30.*—'That in the opinion of this House the prestige of England has not suffered during the period of office of the present Government.' Proposer, F. N. Ashley; Seconder, K. N. Colville; Opposer, E. E. Atherley-Jones. (Carried, 8-6.)

*February 6.*—'That in the opinion of this House the increase of Novels and Magazines is greatly to be regretted.' Proposer, C. B. H. Knight; Seconder, C. Wood-Hill; Opposer, F. W. Hubback. (Carried, 8-7.)

*February 20.*—'That this House approves of the alliance recently contracted with Japan.' (Carried by acclamation.)

*February 27.*—'That in the opinion of this House Athletics do not interfere with the serious business of the people.' Proposer, E. W. D. Colt-Williams; Seconder, F. W. Hubback; Opposer, J. D. H. Dickson. (Carried, 11-8.)

*March 6.*—'That in the opinion of this House the system of education at the Universities is in urgent need of reform.' Proposer, W. T. S. Sonnenschein; Seconder, D. S. Robertson; Opposer, H. B. Philby. (Lost, 4-12.)

*March 13.*—'That in the opinion of this House the Housing of the Working Classes demands immediate attention.' Proposer, F. W. Hubback; Seconder, E. A. Bell; Opposer, F. H. Nichols. (Carried by acclamation.)

*March 20.*—'That in the opinion of this House the Stage in England shows undoubted signs of decadence.' Proposer, W. A. Greene; Seconder, P. H. Ormiston; Opposer, W. T. S. Sonnenschein. (Lost by acclamation.)

## POETRY.

### A RONDEAU.

#### 'SPRING.'

(From the French.)

The year has doffed his winter shroud,  
His shroud of wind and frost and rain,  
And wears his broidered robe again  
Of sunshine bright, with never a cloud.

No bird or beast but cries aloud,  
Each in his tongue, the glad refrain:  
The year has doffed his winter shroud,  
His shroud of wind and frost and rain.

Each stream and brook and fountain's flood  
A lovelier livery now doth gain,  
Bedecked with drops of silver rain;  
All is with new-found grace endowed;  
The year has doffed his winter shroud.

## THE FIELDS.

### WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE.

CHARTERHOUSE kicked off at 2.50, and their forwards at once took the ball down, but shot behind. They pressed again, but Ashley cleared. Harrison and Woodbridge transferred, but without effect, and the Charterhouse forwards again got the ball. Bowring rushed down and took the ball off-side. Charterhouse continued to press, but Ashley and Dickson cleared well, and a second attempt of Bowring was given off-side. Vernon transferred, and Coleby had a good chance of scoring, but shot behind. Charter-



house at once replied, and from a good centre of Bowring's Verry shot a goal (1-0).

Charterhouse still pressed, and after two shots behind Bowring put in a hot shot, which was well stopped by Dickson, but the ball rebounded from the post and went into goal (2-0).

The game then went for some time in favour of Westminster, but Woodbridge tried too long a shot and a corner produced no result. The ball was transferred, and Dickson had much work to do and did it well. From a corner the ball was sent in front of goal, but Dickson cleared in good style, and a rush was stopped by Willett. The Westminster forwards transferred, but Woodbridge shot wide, and the whistle sounded with the score 2-0.

On resuming, the Charterhouse right wing rushed down, but Willett cleared, and soon afterwards Bowring was again given off-side. After good rushes of Harrison and Vernon had been stopped by the backs, Dickson again stopped several shots. Woodbridge and Vernon got down, but were each stopped, and Dickson was again called on to stop good shots. Just before time a good shot hit the bar, but there was no further score.

Of the Westminster eleven the best was Ashley, who worked very hard and received some help from the other halves. The backs were also creditable, Willett putting in much steady work, and Colt-Williams using his pace. Of the forwards none were better than Vernon. Woodbridge was not effective, and Napier was not well enough to do himself justice. Coleby and Harrison did some good work, but were not at their best. On the other hand, Dickson had never been seen to such advantage.

Of the Charterhouse forwards Bence-Pembroke and Bowring were perhaps the best, though the latter had a tendency to get off-side. The others were on the whole faster than the Westminsters, but were not very good in front of goal. The backs were good, and the halves did some effective work.

The result was less unsatisfactory than last year's, and the game was stubbornly contested throughout.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); E. W. D. Colt-Williams and A. T. Willett (backs); R. P. Mears, F. N. Ashley, C. Powers (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (forwards).

CHARTERHOUSE.

A. R. Cheale (goal); I. E. Snell and O. T. Norris (backs); J. S. Strange, W. J. H. Curwen, A. L. Preston (half-backs); F. A. Bowring, G. V. Goodliffe, B. T. Verry, L. S. Farquharson, R. A. Bence-Pembroke (forwards).

Referee : Mr. Collins, London Football Association.

WESTMINSTER v. CAMBRIDGE O.WW.

Played up Fields on Wednesday, February 26, and resulted in a defeat for the School by two goals to nine. Willett won the toss, and Beasley kicked off

for the visitors from the church end at 2.35. At the beginning Harris ran down and tested Dickson with a ground shot, which the latter saved well. However, the School forwards then took the ball down and forced Milne to concede a corner, which proved fruitless. Shortly afterwards some good combination enabled Harris to open the scoring with a good cross shot, which he soon followed up with a second. Coleby then had an easy chance, but shot poorly, and Gaye cleared. Their third goal was neatly kicked by Beasley. The last-named player before long added a fourth point. A good run by Harrison and Coleby enabled the former to score the first goal for the School, and the O.WW. crossed over with the score 4-1 in their favour. In the second half the visitors quite hemmed the School in and gained 5 more goals through Harris (2), Beasley (2), and Barnett. Just before time Coleby succeeded in adding a second point for the School. For the visitors Harris and Beasley put in some excellent work at forward. Young, Milne, and Anderson all defended well. For the School Craig, Colt-Williams, and Harrison were best.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); E. W. D. Colt-Williams and A. T. Willett (backs); R. P. Mears, J. M. Craig, C. Powers (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, H. B. Philby (forwards).

CAMBRIDGE O.WW.

A. S. Gaye (goal); E. M. Eustace and H. R. Lonsdale (backs); K. B. Anderson, F. Young, A. A. Milne (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. O. C. Beasley, R. O. Barnett, R. D. Kitson (forwards).

Referee : Mr. A. L. Foster.

WESTMINSTER v. B. H. WILLETT'S XI.

Played up Fields on Saturday, March 1. The match arranged for this date was *versus* Old Brightonians, but they were compelled to scratch owing to the prevalence of influenza among the members of their team. Willett lost the toss, and Harrison kicked off for the School from the church end. At first the ball was chiefly in the Westminster half, and after a time the visitors scored their first goal by a good shot from Bruce. After this the game went in favour of Westminster, and about half an hour after the start the School equalised, after some good combination by the insides. The teams crossed over with the score 1-1. In the second half the School had the better of the game, and shortly after the re-start Harrison scored a second goal for the School. However, before long Balfour-Melville equalised. A spell of even play then ensued, and it was not till about three minutes before the end that Harrison gave the School the lead; and so a pleasant game ended in a victory for the School by 3 goals to 2. For the School Harrison, Powers, and Colt-Williams were best.



For the visitors Milburn played a sound game at back and Smith worked hard at half.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); E. W. D. Colt-Williams and A. T. Willett (backs); R. P. Mears, J. M. Craig, C. Powers (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, H. B. Philby (forwards).

B. H. WILLETT'S XI.

H. W. Beveridge (goal); L. E. Milburn and H. A. Roberts (backs); J. E. Weir, C. Smith, J. McCall (half-backs); J. Rider, J. E. Balfour-Melville, A. M. Todd, A. Bruce, and A. N. Other (forwards).

2ND XI. *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS 2ND XI.

Played up Fields on Saturday, March 1, and resulted in a victory for the 2nd XI. by 3 goals to 1. The first half was fairly even, each side scoring once through Gardner and Plaskitt. The match did not start till late, and it was not till after 3 o'clock that Corfield kicked off for the 2nd XI. At first the 2nd did most of the pressing, any attempts of the O.W.W. being easily dealt with by the defence. However, it was not till some time after the start that some good combination enabled Gardner to score; but the O.W.W. soon replied, Plaskitt putting in a good shot, which hit the crossbar, and from the rebound was put through the goal. In the second half the 2nd continued to have rather the better of the game, and not long after the start Davey put the 2nd XI. ahead. A spell of even play ensued, till Sonnenschein scored a third goal. There was no further scoring, all the efforts of the O.W.W. forwards being frustrated by our defence. For the 2nd XI. Sonnenschein, Atherley-Jones, Lonsdale, and Schwann were best. For the visitors Plaskitt was the best of the forwards.

Teams :—

2ND XI.

C. B. H. Knight (goal); G. Schwann and H. Logan (backs); F. W. Hubback, C. W. Lonsdale, F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); E. E. S. B. Atherley-Jones, R. G. Gardner, E. T. Corfield, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

O.W.W. 2ND XI.

S. W. B. Langton (sub.) (goal); E. Woodhouse and J. Wilkinson (backs); G. L. Crowe (sub.), E. Venables, A. M. Cunningham (half-backs); G. O. Walters, R. R. Campbell, A. Nesbitt, F. J. Plaskitt, F. A. Vernon (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* R. GREGSON-ELLIS'  
ETON XI.

Played up Fields on Saturday, March 8, and resulted in a defeat for the School by 6 goals to 5. Willett won the toss and Eton kicked off from the church end shortly before three o'clock. About five minutes from the start Woodbridge scored the first goal for the School. After each side had pressed in

turn Gregson-Ellis scored for Eton, thus equalizing. After some more even play some good combination by the inside forwards enabled Woodbridge to add a second point. The School still continued to press, and Coleby added a third point with a fine cross shot. Eton then attacked, and after some exciting play in front of our goal the Etonian left-half scored with a good shot. The teams crossed over without any further addition to the score. The beginning of the first half was very even, although Westminster gained two more goals by Woodbridge and Harrison, and until the last ten minutes Westminster seemed to have the game well in their hands. But the last ten minutes witnessed a most extraordinary collapse on the part of Westminster, during which Eton scored 4 goals. Just a minute before time Vernon got away and should have scored, but unfortunately his shot went behind. For Westminster the forwards played well on the whole, but fell off in the second half. Powers and Mears defended well at half, but Craig was not so good as usual. Colt-Williams defended well till almost the end, but went to pieces then. Willett, who was suffering from a strained back, was very much off colour. Dickson was fair, but should have saved at least one of their goals.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); E. W. D. Colt-Williams and A. T. Willett (backs); R. P. Mears, J. M. Craig, C. Powers (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, H. B. Philby (forwards).

ETON.

R. B. Scholfield (goal); J. S. Hughes and F. V. Willey (backs); J. K. Henderson, M. Clowes, F. G. Dunning (half-backs); A. C. Sheepshanks, R. Gregson-Ellis, G. Aspinall, G. D. H. Pigot, H. D. Pender (forwards).

HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST ROUND.

GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

This match was played up Fields on Wednesday, March 5, and resulted in a win for Grant's by two goals to one.

HOME-BOARDERS *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

This match was played up Fields on Wednesday, March 5, and resulted in a win for Home-Boarders by three goals to two.

FINAL ROUND.

GRANT'S *v.* HOME-BOARDERS.

This match was played up Fields on Friday, March 14, and resulted in an easy win for Grant's by six goals to one. Grant's thus retained the Shield.



THE LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Pts.
A	—	L 0-2	D 0-0	L 0-7	L 0-6	L 2-3	W 3-1	D 1-1	4
B	W 2-0	—	W 1-0	W 5-0	W 1-0	D 0-0	W 5-0	W 1-0	13
C	D 0-0	L 0-1	—	W 4-1	W 3-0	W 3-0	W 3-1	W 1-0	11
D	W 7-0	L 0-5	L 1-9	—	L 0-3	D 2-2	—	W 2-0	5
E	W 6-0	L 0-1	L 0-3	W 3-0	—	L 0-2	W 3-1	W 5-3	
F	W 3-2	D 0-0	L 0-3	D 2-2	W 2-0	—	W 3-0	D 2-2	9
G	L 1-3	L 0-5	L 1-3	—	L 1-3	L 0-3	—	L 0-1	0
H	D 1-1	L 0-1	L 0-1	L 0-2	L 3-5	D 2-2	W 1-0	—	9

The following is the list of Captains :—

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| A. T. C. S. Keely. | E. W. T. S. Sonnenschein.            |
| B. M. Macdonald.   | F. H.B.Philby, <i>vice</i> H. Logan. |
| C. R. G. Gardner.  | G. K. N. Colville.                   |
| D. H. V. Capon.    | H. W. S. Lonsdale.                   |

FIVES TIES.

The following was the result of the First Round :—

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|-----------------|--------|------------------------|
| G. SCHWANN      | } beat | J. VERNON (15-3)       |
| K. N. COLVILLE  |        | G. L. CROWE (15-8)     |
| C. B. H. KNIGHT | } beat | W. A. GREENE (15-12)   |
| A. T. COLEBY    |        | M. MACDONALD (21-19)   |
| P. H. ORMISTON  | } beat | T. C. S. KEELY (15-11) |
| J. POYSER       |        | C. WOOD-HILL (15-3)    |
| E. A. BELL      | } beat | P. H. NAPIER (15-8)    |
| R. P. MEARS     |        | H. B. PHILBY (19-17)   |

The following is the result of the Second Round :—

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| C. B. H. KNIGHT | } beat | G. SCHWANN (15-8)              |
| A. T. COLEBY    |        | K. N. COLVILLE (10-15), (15-8) |
| E. A. BELL      | } beat | P. H. ORMISTON (15-12)         |
| R. P. MEARS     |        | J. POYSER (9-15), (15-9)       |

The following will be the Final :—

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| C. B. H. KNIGHT | } v. | E. A. BELL  |
| A. T. COLEBY    |      | R. P. MEARS |

THE MISSION.

WE much regret to have to chronicle the approaching departure of Mr. Knight from the post of Manager of the Mission. He leaves at Easter to take up his duties in the parish of St. Martin's, Lower Edmonton.

His departure will be greatly regretted by all who have had an opportunity of seeing the admirable work he has done in connection with the Mission, and he takes with him our best wishes.

The numbers are still increasing, and the members of the Club appreciate all that is done for them.

The Debating Society is a source of help. On March 7 Mr. R. R. Campbell (O.W.) proposed 'That the present Volunteer Regulations go to show that the War Office Authorities have failed to thoroughly appreciate the lessons to be learnt from the South African War.' Mr. Watherstone (O.W.) opposed. The discussion was most interesting, but no decision was come to. The Rev. G. Napier, Vicar of St. Mary's, Vincent Square, presided.

The next Debate will be 'The Eight-hour Working Day.' A lively time is anticipated.

The Singing Class is still progressing under the control of the Rev. E. W. Pole (O.W.).

The presents of books and clothing have been gratefully received.

The Church Lads' Brigade are looking forward to their Easter Monday Outing to Riddlesdown.

The Gymnastic Class is now held in the new Board Schools on the Millbank Estate, and the lads greatly appreciate the removal from Horseferry Road Board School. Mr. Clare, the Instructor, has some promising pupils coming along.

OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR meeting of the 'Old Westminsters' Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Friday, February 7. The following members were present :—J. Barnes Liberty, W.M.; F. G. Hallett, S.W.; Philip S. Lee, J.W.; Thomas Wakley, jun., P.M.; C. W. Stephenson, P.M., Treasurer; W. Ashton Ellis, P.M.; W. J. Armitage, Secretary; Thomas S. Lee, S.D.; W. E. Horne, J.D.; and W. M. Meredith, I.G. There were two visitors—Bro. A. S. Gedge, of the 'Hervey' Lodge, and Bro. H. C. Lambert, of the 'Berkhampstead' Lodge. Mr. George Herbert Lambert (O.W.) and Dr. Arthur Bevan (O.W.), having been duly elected, were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M.

The Report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, the finances of the Lodge being found to be in a satisfactory condition. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. Liberty, W.M., who announced his intention of going up as a steward at the coming Festival. At the conclusion of business the brethren and their guests dined together, a pleasant evening being enjoyed.



## LITERARY SOCIETY.

THIS Society met on Tuesday, February 25, when Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* was begun, and finished on Tuesday, March 18. At the first reading Mr. Sargeaunt, W. T. Kennedy, and C. B. H. Knight were absent, and their parts were taken by W. A. Greene, F. W. Hubback, and J. A. C. Highmore respectively. The reading on the whole cannot be considered a success, as a large part of the humour of the play seemed quite lost on some of the members. W. A. Greene, for instance, made an eminently respectable Bottom, but was not Bottom as Shakespeare conceived him. In the part of Helena he seemed quite lacking in his usual charm. F. W. Hubback, however, was excellent as Puck, and W. T. S. Sonnenschein made a good Lysander. Oberon, as rendered by J. A. C. Highmore, excited our pity rather than our awe, but he was relieved by the taking way in which the part of Titania was read by E. A. Bell. P. H. Ormiston spoke well as Egeus.

The cast was as follows:—

Mr. Sargeaunt . . . . .	<i>Bottom.</i>
Mr. Smedley . . . . .	<i>Demetrius, Snout.</i>
W. A. Greene . . . . .	<i>Helena.</i>
W. T. Kennedy . . . . .	<i>Hermia.</i>
W. T. S. Sonnenschein . . . . .	<i>Lysander, Smug.</i>
J. A. C. Highmore . . . . .	<i>Oberon.</i>
F. W. Hubback . . . . .	<i>Puck, Wall, Moonshine.</i>
P. H. Ormiston . . . . .	<i>Egeus, Quince.</i>
C. B. H. Knight . . . . .	<i>Theseus.</i>
L. A. Woodbridge . . . . .	<i>Hippolyta, Fairy.</i>
E. A. Bell . . . . .	<i>Titania.</i>

## Old Westminster.

MR. H. W. BEVERIDGE will again play for Oxford against Cambridge in the golf match.

Mr. S. S. Harris is to be Secretary of the C.U.A.F.C. next season.

In the Christ Church sports Mr. R. Truslove, who was penalised two inches, tied for the high jump, and Mr. B. H. Willett won the 100 yards and the 120 yards handicap. In the University sports Mr. Truslove was second in the hurdles.

Mr. R. E. More has been appointed an Assistant Commissioner in the Chinese Customs, and leaves for China in April. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in this country.

Mr. R. H. More, Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion of Imperial Yeomanry, has been seriously ill with enteric at Mafeking. He was in hospital when his battalion was at Elandslaagte. We are glad to hear that he is now rapidly recovering.

From the list of Westminsters at the front we accidentally omitted the name of Mr. G. O. Roos, who, in spite of his wounds, is still serving with Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.

Mr. Arthur Martin-Leake, who is doing medical service, was badly wounded last month, but he is now, we are glad to hear, reported out of danger.

Major-General Terry, Mr. M. M. Rodocanachi, Mr. L. A. M. Fevez, and Mr. C. C. J. Webb have become life subscribers to THE ELIZABETHAN.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, February 20, to discuss the motion: 'That this House approves of the alliance recently contracted with Japan.'

The PROPOSER (E. E. S. B. Atherley-Jones) said that the advantages gained by England were greater than those gained by Japan. The fleet on the China Station could be diminished. The two fleets combined would be invincible. Twenty years ago Japan had not even a telegraph; now there is a large army, which has been trained by German officers. The China trouble showed how strong it was, for Japan had offered twenty thousand men to finish the business.

The OPPOSER (F. H. Nichols) said that at present Japan was not one of the great Powers nor yet a very big nation. While before we were isolated from other Powers we were free to do as we liked, but now Japan might, on its own account, mix itself up in the East and we should have to help them, whether it was to our advantage or not. Although we were the enemies of Russia, yet they were not very likely to attack us in the East, and there was, therefore, no need to take precautions of such a nature against one.

The SECONDER (P. H. Napier) said that if there ever did happen to be a war Japan would be most useful, for though, perhaps, England and Japan combined could not beat any other two Powers, they could at least make themselves a very tough enemy to deal with. In such a case also Japan's position would be most useful against Russia.

W. T. S. SONNENSCHNEIN said that as England had long had a treaty with Italy, why should she not have one with Japan? It does not in the least imply hostility to Russia, who has a secret agreement herself in Manchuria. She is also the friend of France. Japan must, as she is a poor country, support herself by trade with China.

W. A. GREENE said that being friendly with a nation and being allied with it were two very different things. We have been outwitted in China in the matter of Wei-hai-Wei, for this port is now said to be too shallow. Since the Crimean War we have been free, we are now joined to an inexperienced



nation. We might be plunged in a war with Russia and France, the principal seat of which would be Europe, while Japan need only defend her own coasts. We know not when and where we need the friendship of Russia and France, which is now impossible. Better to increase our fleet than to put ourselves into the power of Japan. The treaty is so much dust thrown by the Government in the eyes of the public to disguise their failure. We cannot afford to run such unnecessary risks.

W. T. S. SONNENSCHNEIN said that there was no opposition to the treaty offered in the House of Commons when it was first announced.

G. T. BOAG said that it was quite evident that the Government had taken this very rash step in the fear that Japan would join Russia.

The decision of the House was then taken, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The House met on Thursday, February 27, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House athletics do not interfere with the serious business of the people.'

The PROPOSER (E. W. D. Colt-Williams) said that people indulge in athletics either for pleasure or profit. It is quite obvious that hard-worked men may like athletics, and, as they require some recreation, why should they not indulge in it, as the very fact that they are hard-worked prevents their indulging to excess? Some City men used to be athletic, and they therefore like to keep it up. For others there are very few things so beneficial that they can take up. They must do something, they cannot work all day; if they did their minds would not keep fresh.

The OPPOSER (J. D. H. Dickson) said that no one can do two things at once without detriment to one. Athletics interfere with work, and are, therefore, inadvisable at school; the same applies to the University, where people cannot work owing to the excitement about games, which seem to be everything. Another very serious objection is that they often ruin people in after life.

The SECONDER (F. W. Hubback) said that games have nothing to do with work, and therefore do not interfere. It is quite obvious that everyone must have exercise; if they did not get even their present amount their work and health would suffer. As to saying there were too many competitions, it was impossible for athletics to flourish without some such incitement. The Greeks were devoted to athletics, and, as far as could be seen, they were none the worse for it. The English temperament was of such a kind that it needed sport; the German, on the other hand, did not.

W. T. S. SONNENSCHNEIN said that we go to school to get stronger, but we should not overstrain ourselves by playing football. C. B. Fry is an instance of a man who has spoiled his career; but it is not everyone who gets spoilt, but only those who go in far too regularly and thoroughly. Nowadays we have to specialise.

E. W. D. COLT-WILLIAMS, speaking again, said that boys and University men do not go in for public business, and, therefore, it cannot do the business of the people any harm. It is not, however, to the advantage of a man to take up athletics altogether.

W. A. GREENE said that there was a very good old saying, *Mens sana in corpore sano*. People ought not to take up one to the detriment of the other. Those people who go to see matches on Wednesday and Saturday are wrong, as also those who leave their work to go and play tennis or any other game. If men had worked instead of uselessly wasting their time we might now have a general.

W. T. S. SONNENSCHNEIN, speaking again, said that the people who go and see matches have no work, so why should not they spend their time thus as much as in any other way? The Greeks only played games as a religious duty.

The House then divided, and the motion was carried—Ayes, 11; Noes, 8.

The House met on Thursday, March 6, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House the system of education at the Universities is in urgent need of reform.'

The PROPOSER (W. T. S. Sonnenschein) said the great object of University men at present is to pay calls and loiter about instead of working or taking proper exercise. They are also much addicted to drinking and gambling. The University ought to teach them economy. It is as a matter of fact very deficient in teaching, and they pretend to teach Latin and Greek: what they ought to teach is French and other foreign languages. Many firms would not have University men because of their little practical knowledge. They are able to turn out a gentleman, but not a man of ability.

The OPPOSER (H. B. Philby) said that at the Universities there were two absolutely different sets—one of men who went up to enjoy themselves and the other of men who had to get their own living. Those who do not make athletics their pursuit work or do something useful, but they certainly do not loaf. There is no need for you to squander money up there, while if you do so, without being able to afford it, you are a fool and will not get on anywhere. If you wish to learn other professions, you can go to other establishments which teach them.

The SECONDER (D. S. Robertson) said that at the Universities there were very many temptations to squander money, and it needed more than an ordinarily strong-willed person to resist. The fees too were very much too high, there was very little need for such large ones. German or Scotch Universities are not so dear; why should the English be, especially when it can be easily seen that the English do not turn out such thorough scholars as the German?

W. T. S. SONNENSCHNEIN, speaking again, said that even if you do work it does not give you your living. You have to call on every senior man. Nobody does any work between 1.30 o'clock and five, or if they do



try they only get prevented. The University teaches the wrong subjects.

F. W. HUBBACK said that there are four professions open to you after going down—the Civil Service, the Bar, the Educational, and the Medical. People are always dropping in to tea from 4.30 o'clock till six; but there are ample opportunities for work, and social duties should be preserved.

W. A. GREENE said that the University was intended to produce not business men but gentlemen; a man goes up to get culture. It is quite necessary that there should be a cultured class. If everyone is to be a mechanic, you may as well do away with Universities. It is a very good thing to pay calls, you learn how to do it properly. The idea nowadays is not to turn out scholars. If you do away with the present system, you must found other Universities or nobody will go.

The House then divided, and the motion was lost. Ayes, 4; Noes, 12.

### House Notes.

COLLEGE.—We have no news of any importance to record this month. Our principal regret is the failure of our Junior Team to secure the Cup. We think they might have made a better struggle for it. Our congratulations are due to S. A. Sydney Turner on his obtaining the Waddington Scholarship at Cambridge. We had three representatives playing in the Charterhouse match, all of whom distinguished themselves. Congratulations to Colt-Williams on his Pinks. Our prospects seem fairly promising for the Town Boy match, and we do not think that this year will provide a record number of goals scored against us. College figures largely in the new book which R. Airy, who left in 1896, has just brought out. Our Fives Ties are crawling along cheerfully, but the Chess Ties are almost stagnant, thanks to the slackness of the Secretary. The Literary Society has not been meeting lately. Our representatives in the School Debating Society have been making some striking speeches, and F. W. Hubback was great on the "Housing of the Working Classes." We are hoping to do well in the Sports and Tug-of-War, and looking forward to keeping the House Cup.

RIGAUD'S.—We regret to say we were beaten by Grant's in the House Matches (1-2), after a very good game, in which we were not overburdened with good fortune. However, it is some consolation to know that we shall have the old Shield back again soon. We have one candidate for a place in the proposed Westminster boat next turn. We congratulate Powers on his Pinks, and Langton and Couchman on House Colours. Rivers has now become a boarder. We hope to have better luck this year in the Sports, as last year we were only beaten by three points.

GRANT'S.—All the news that we have to chronicle this time is satisfactory. We have won the Junior

Cup for the first time, and heartily congratulate the whole team, and Captain Oldham in especial, on their excellent performance. This result is mainly due to the energy and skill of Oldham, Pemberton, Houdret and Pedler. In the replay against College, which we won (1-0) and which gave us the Cup, the team especially shone—the combination was at times excellent. Our other news is our victory over Rigaud's (2-1) in the Shield matches, and we feel that, having encountered the greater obstacle, we ought not to fail at the lesser. But we were not really very good, as we had several people playing out of their ordinary places. Lonsdale was best. We sincerely hope that C. B. H. Knight will not meet with any Grantite misfortune in the History Scholarship he is going to get. The Literary Society have read *The Scheming Lieutenant*, *The Critic*, and *Henry IV., Part 2*. They were, unfortunately, without J. D. H. Dickson, which rather upset the readings—we need him. The Debating Society have decided that suicide is immoral, and that jealousy is the real source of the Anglophobia prevalent in Germany. The only bad news we have to chronicle—and that is very bad—is that we have lost F. N. Ashley, who left the School immediately after the Charterhouse match, and is now in the Militia. He is an inestimable loss on the football field, and his place will not easily be filled either in our team or in our hearts. Congratulations to our team on winning the Final of the House Matches.

H.B.B.—We condole with P. H. Napier on his enforced absence from School, and trust it will in no way handicap him in his forthcoming exam. We miss him greatly, especially with regard to football. In spite of his absence, however, we beat Ashburnham (3-2) after a most exciting game, in which the team played well together, much brilliant work being seen in unexpected quarters. We felt the loss of H. C. Macpherson at half, who has been forbidden to play football by doctor's orders. In the Final we met Grant's, and were beaten by them (1-7). One member of their team, however, had not been in School that morning, and consequently had no right to play. A re-play of the match can therefore be claimed, but at present no decision has been arrived at. Several members of our proper team were unable to play. We heartily congratulate H. C. Macpherson and J. E. Tull, who have received their House Colours. Our House Fives Ties have been won by M. Macdonald and R. C. Oppenheimer (15-8 and 17-4).

ASHBURNHAM.—In the finals we succumbed to Home Boarders (2-3). This result was quite unexpected, especially as we had the best of the game all through. Our shooting was not good, and several times our forwards missed opportunities when the goal was at their mercy. Schwann was excellent at back, and both Mears and Geddes played a good game.



Our heartiest congratulations to Mears on his Pinks. Schwann and Colville should prove easily victorious in the School Fives Ties. Our prospects for the Sports are better than usual, as plenty of promise was shown by members of the House last year. Our tug team will, we fear, not be very strong, as Watson is away, and Kirkland, we are sorry to say, has strained his heart. We hope that he will have recovered by next term.

### Reviews.

WE have received for review a book of illustrations of Christ Church, Oxford, drawn by Mr. John Aston,\* who was in College from 1894-98. These sketches are all wonderfully good, and give an excellent idea of the appearance of this ancient College. Some may, perhaps, regret the absence of any reading matter; but we feel sure that Mr. Aston's skill with the pencil renders any such description quite unnecessary for the average person. The drawings include views of Hall, Peckwater and Tom Quads, Tom Tower, the Cloisters, and the Cathedral. That of Hall is perhaps the best.

There has just been published a little book on Westminster, written by Mr. Reginald Airy,† who left the School in 1896. We beg to offer him our most hearty congratulations for this admirable work. We do not think that there is a single fault to be found, save that perhaps a captious critic, who was at the same time a Town-boy, might object that too much attention is given to 'College' and her customs, which, after all, is only natural, seeing that the writer himself was a Queen's Scholar. The author begins by briefly reviewing the past history of the School, in which part of his work he has, of course, to acknowledge his debt to Mr. Sargeant's 'Annals.' Though such history is often apt to be uninteresting, we must confess that we found the present author's style most attractive; and we think that, in spite of the author's apologies for its brevity, he has treated the subject in the way it should be treated in such a work. The latter chapters are devoted to 'The School Buildings,' 'Westminster at the Present Day,' 'The School Work,' 'Games and Athletics,' all of which are concisely but clearly described. Mr. Airy deserves especial praise for the way in which he has endeavoured to bring his work 'up to date,' the few changes that are not noticed having occurred in the present term for the most part. The book ends with a sympathetic eulogy of the late Headmaster.

The illustrations, in which the book abounds, are also deserving of high commendation. We seldom remember to have seen better photographs of the School; specially noticeable are the frontispiece and views of Hall, up-School, and some rooms in Ashburnham House.

The few inaccuracies that do occur are so trifling

that they are hardly worth mentioning. We may note, however, that the bust of Dr. Busby does not at the present moment look down on the Old Library, that the King's Scholars have beaten the Town-boys at cricket since 1892, and, as we have mentioned before, a few changes have been made so recently that their absence can be excused.

### Births.

WARINGTON SMYTH.—On February 27, the wife of Herbert Warington Smyth, of a daughter.

DE KEYSER.—On March 11, the wife of Polydore Weichand de Keyser, of a son.

### Obituary.

THE elder generation of present Westminsters have learned with great regret the death of HENRY GEORGE QUIN. He was the elder son of Mr. R. J. Quin, barrister-at-law, and entered the School as a Q.S. in September 1895. He left at Easter 1899 to join the Army, and in 1900 was gazetted Second Lieutenant in the Northumberland Fusiliers. He went almost at once to the front, and fell in the disaster which befell Von Donop's column on February 25 at Elandslaagte. His death will be lamented by all those who knew his earnestness of purpose and can value character and originality. He was, indeed, one of those who have no enemy.

### Correspondence.

'A WASH-BOX.'

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—I am extremely annoyed at an unpardonable misprint in your last number. In the House Notes of Grant's, with a levity entirely unfitting so august a periodical, you printed 'wash-box' for 'waste-box.' By this thoughtless error you have caused unheard-of misery to the maker of this commodious article.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

YOUR GRANTITE CORRESPONDENT.

[We sincerely regret the mistake, which we have noted as an 'erratum' in the present number.—ED.]

THE SPORTS PROGRAMME.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—Might I suggest to the Games Committee that at the coming Sports a double page should be provided in the programme for keeping count of the points scored towards the House Challenge Cup? The names of the Houses might be printed down the page, the events across the top, and an explanation of the method of scoring at the bottom. I feel sure this would increase the interest of the Sports by making it easier to follow the scores.

I am, yours, &c.,

K. N. COLVILLE.

[We have referred the matter to the Secretary of the Games Committee, who has decided to adopt your suggestion.—ED.]

\* 'Sketches of Christ Church.' By John Aston (Methuen).  
† 'Westminster.' By Reginald Airy (George Bell).



To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I venture to make two suggestions? The first refers to the O.W.W. in the war. Could not a suitable memorial be erected to those who have borne arms for their country? Surely the famous enthusiasm of Westminster will not allow them to fall into oblivion! I would suggest a new racquet-court, or, better still, a couple of new fives-courts. These latter could be erected by the wall opposite, which is at right angles to the present fives-courts.

The second suggestion is about 2nd XI. cricket matches. Could not 2nd XI. matches be arranged on Wednesdays? Or, if it is true that there are to be three halves a week during Election Term, one of these days could be given to the 2nd XI. Hoping I am not troubling you by these suggestions,

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

LIBERAL.

#### THE COLLEGE LABORATORY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

The Physics Laboratory: February 28, 1902.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—It is a comfort to feel that you are not 'responsible for opinions' expressed in House Notes, because I can now write to you in hope of a little sympathy.

I am well aware that every kind of Natural Science, from Pure Mathematics to Sanitation itself, is a stench in the nostrils of every right-minded classical boy; but is it right, leaving this abstract odour out of the question, that we, on the modern side, should be accused of pervading College with concrete odours?

Will the inhabitants of the 'Ancient dwelling' appoint a commission to investigate the smell of galvanometers, the stink of tuning forks, and the reek of thermometers?

There is little else besides such dry bones in our 'completely equipped' Physics Laboratory. I wonder whether your correspondent has read a recent work by Mr. Rudyard Kipling. If so does he not go in fear? 'Stinker' is not a name to lightly call a modern side, for it may try to live up to its reputation. Odours persuasive, argumentative, invincible are not far to fetch, if they have not invaded College yet; and, though we have no wish to consume the innocent with the guilty, there is no knowing what we may be obliged to do if such groundless accusations are made against us. Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

PHYSICS.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—It is not without surprise that I have read the letter in your last issue from the President of the Debating Society. I think he misses the true causes of the unsatisfactory condition of the Society. He appears to plume himself on the number of members who now belong to the Society, totally ignoring the fact that last year, when it was thought that the Society had reached its lowest ebb, the majority of the members were of far higher standing in the School than are the majority of the present members. The decadence of the Society is clear from the lack of interest shown by the higher members of the School; and I maintain that this is due mainly, perhaps, to the reputation acquired by the Society during the last two years, but largely also to the uninteresting character of the debates.

In his second paragraph, the President laments the paucity of serious members—'those who wish to speak and can do so,' as he explains—and remarks that the rest are, for various reasons, 'not useful members of the Society.' He seems to find this state of things surprising; but, I would ask, who are responsible for the admission of these 'not useful members'? The Committee, of which the President is chairman, absolutely controls the election of members, and is, therefore, solely responsible for the admission of all members except those few who from various causes are admitted without election. The President speaks of this condition of the Society as being in all probability only temporary; but the more recent additions to its ranks are not such as would be calculated to attract the 'higher members of the School,' nor to raise either the status

of the Society or the standard of the speeches; and, upon the President's own showing, I am afraid that there is not much prospect of immediate improvement.

The remedy advocated by the President of throwing the Society open to all members of the Upper School seems to me to be a course that desperation alone could suggest. He claims that this scheme might have the effect of bringing the higher members of the School to a sense of their duty, and that it alone will serve to keep the Society alive. If this were done, I question greatly whether any of the higher members of the School would care to attend, and—for some years, at any rate—it seems probable that the Society would be confined to members of the Middle School.

The President himself admits that a weak President would be unable to keep order, but adds that the Society would not tolerate a weak President after the experience of last year. This conclusion, I am afraid, is hardly justified, for on more than one occasion last year attempts were made to unseat the President, and always without success.

The mistake that is made in dealing with the Society is that, somehow or other, membership is looked down upon, instead of being considered a privilege. If once this were put right, the Society would soon regain its former popularity. But to do this it is necessary that steps should be taken to induce masters to attend, and to make admission more difficult than at present; for a few good members are worth more than the 'respectable mediocrity' which would result from the admission of members without election.

Finally, I think the thanks of the School, and specially of the Society, are due to the President, who has so devotedly stuck to the Society under most disheartening conditions.

Apologising for the length of this letter,

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

J. A. C. HIGHMORE.

### Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—*The Alleynian, The Blundellian, The Cliftonian, The Doverian, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Fettesian, The Graham Street School Magazine, The Granta, The Haileyburian, The King's College School Magazine, The Lancing College Magazine, The Malvernian, The Meteor (2), The Newtonian, Our Boys' Magazine, The Portcullis, The Public School Magazine, The Quernmorian, The Rossallian, The Sedburghian, The Tonbridgian, The Wellingtonian, The Working Men's College Journal, The Wycombe Abbey Gazette, The Wykehamist.*

#### ERRATUM.

In Vol. X., No. 11, on page 120, for 'wash-box' read waste-box.'

#### NOTICES.

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